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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. BOX 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PCT/EP03/01843
-filed February 24, 2003Re: Application of **Franca LEO****A CHEWABLE TOY FOR ANIMALS**Assignee: **CIUFFO GATTO S.R.L**Our Ref: **Q83382**

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) only listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

A copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and a copy of the executed Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application as filed, the International Search Report and complete copies of the references cited therein, a copy of the certified copy of the priority document, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

Please see the attached preliminary amendment before calculating Government filing fee.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>13</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$920.00</u>
TOTAL FEE									<u>\$920.00</u>



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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory filing fee of \$920.00 and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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